

REMARKS

On October 7, 2004 the Examiner informed applicant's undersigned attorney that the Examiner did not have access to the file until October 7, 2004 because the file was in the image file process. Accordingly, the Examiner could not consider Amendment-E.

If the Examiner believes Amendment-E does not place the application in condition for allowance, then please enter the present Amendment-F.

Upon entry of the present amendment, the claims remaining in the application are claims 1-7, 9-19 and 21.

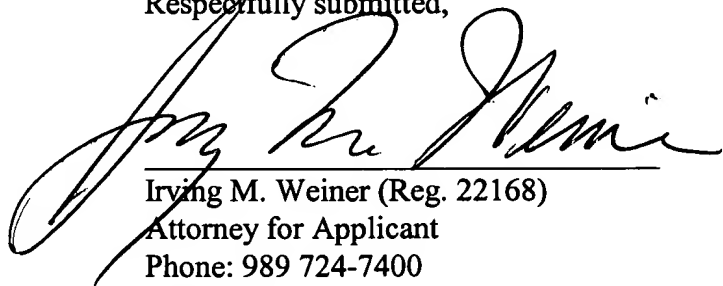
In view of the foregoing, application respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney for applicant in an effort to facilitate the prosecution, and/or to narrow the issues for appeal, if necessary.

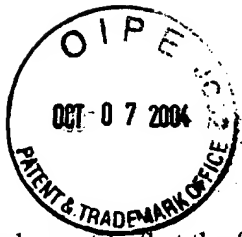
There is submitted herewith a Request For Continued Examination and a form PTO-2038 to cover the fee therefor. There is also submitted a form PTO-2038 to cover the fee for the requested Extension of Time.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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